

Constitution and Bylaws

Canadian Dragon Association

Ratified by the CDA membership by email vote, effective May 3rd, 2012.

1. The CDA

- a. The Canadian Dragon Association is known as the CDA.
- b. The CDA, as a National International Dragon Association, is affiliated with the International Dragon Association (IDA).

2. OBJECTIVES

- a. The CDA has sole authority for the conduct and management of all Canadian Dragon Class events.
- b. The CDA shall promote expansion of the Dragon Class in Canada.
- c. The CDA shall ensure the maintenance of the one-design characteristics of the International Dragon Class yacht in Canada in compliance with the IDA Class Rules.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Membership is open to Dragon Owners and Crew as well as any member of the general public who has an interest in Dragons.
- b. There are two Membership Classes – Full Member and Associate Member. Anyone can be a Full Member but all Dragon Owners must be Full Members (part of the fee is sent to the IDA). Full members have one vote each at general meetings. Associate Members pay a reduced fee and may not vote at general meetings.
- c. All members can use the North American Dragon website for buying/selling Dragons and equipment and/or posting news and events.
- d. All members receive a regular newsletter via email.

4. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- a. Membership dues are payable to the CDA and should be submitted at the beginning of the calendar year.
- b. Fees are set annually by the membership and the latest fees are listed on the North American Dragon website.
- c. Currently the fees are \$50.00 for Full Members and \$25.00 for Associate Members.

5. MEMBER MEETINGS

- a. The CDA must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the end of each fiscal year. The purpose of the AGM is to hear a report from the National Secretary, review the accounts and carry out any other business relevant to the CDA.
- b. Notice of the AGM will be posted on the website. Where possible, meetings will be held electronically. If a meeting is not possible, members may be asked to vote on motions by email ballot.
- c. Three Full Members may request a Special General Meeting (SGM) on the same subject at any time. Such meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible after the request with an agenda circulated one week in advance.

- d. Decisions of general meetings (AGM or SGM) will be by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- e. At general meetings, five (5) members shall form a quorum.

6. MANAGEMENT

- a. The members manage the affairs of the CDA by voting at general meetings.
- b. The day-to-day management, according to the direction set at the general meetings, is the responsibility of the National Secretary.
- c. The members elect the National Secretary for a two-year term at an AGM.
- d. The duties of the National Secretary are to direct the general affairs of the CDA, chair the Annual General Meeting, and represent the CDA at any meetings involving the CDA's interests. The National Secretary shall also maintain the files, minutes, membership records (including measurement certificates) and correspondence of the CDA. The National Secretary shall keep registers of yachts and owners, which are available to the membership via the website. The National Secretary shall also keep the accounts of the CDA.
- e. Communications with members will be by e-mail and/or website update.

7. FINANCES

- a. Annual membership dues finance the CDA.
- b. The CDA maintains a bank account.
- c. The CDA submits annual dues to the IDA based on the number of registered Dragons in Canada.
- d. The National Secretary shall report at the Annual General Meeting, the accounts, assets and liabilities of the CDA, as well as a statement of the revenues and expenditures for the fiscal year.
- e. The fiscal year is the calendar year.
- f. Spending of funds as required for the day-to-day operation of CDA shall be from those funds received from annual revenues of the current year and are at the discretion of the National Secretary up to a maximum of \$250.00 for unbudgeted items.

8. OFFICES

- a. The principal office of the CDA shall be the address of the National Secretary for Canada of the IDA.

9. CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

- a. The location of The Canadian Dragon Championship (The Edinburgh Cup), shall be determined annually at the AGM. The location shall, as much as possible, rotate between regions.
- b. A region may be established at the request of three or more CDA members in a geographic region. Current active regions include the Pacific Northwest Region comprised primarily of yachts in the Vancouver Fleet.
- c. The location of The North American Dragon Championship (The Craig Bowl) shall be determined annually by mutual agreement at the CDA AGM and the ADA AGM. The location shall, as much as possible, rotate between the US and Canada.

- d. The host Yacht Club is responsible for organizing the event and shall be responsible for all financial matters and obligations.
- e. The event shall be based on the IDA Regulations.

10. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

- a. The number of qualifiers allotted to Canada is based on criteria defined in the IDA Regulations.

11. ALTERNATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- a. Changes or amendments to the Constitution of the CDA shall only be considered and voted on by members at the AGM or a Special General Meeting. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast is required to approve such changes.

12. DISOLUTION

- a. The CDA may be dissolved at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the votes cast is required to dissolve the CDA.
- b. Upon dissolution, all assets will be transferred to the IDA.